

Approve 3/9/22
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday March 2, 2022 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell and Town Administrator Jen Rand

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Richard Jonson, Patrick Roden-Reynolds, Nicola Blake, James Klingensmith, Chris Lyons, Cathy Minkiewicz, Eunki Seonwoo, Zach Harris, Janice Haynes and other members of the public that did not speak.

Chair Skipper Manter called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Minutes: Vote to Approve: February 23, 2022

There were no corrections or questions.

Cindy moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2022. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

New Business:

- **Introduction to new Wildlife and Public Health Biologist:**

Richard introduced Patrick who said he was looking forward to working with the town.

Richard was thanked for his years of work and Patrick was welcomed.

- **Request to Exceed Snow & Ice Budget:**

By State law the Town is allowed to overspend this line item with a vote of the Select Board and the overage is added to the recap sheet next year.

Cindy made the motion as follows: As required under MGL Chapter 44 Section 31D, the Select Board authorizes the Superintendent of Streets to exceed the funds available in the annual Snow and Ice budget in order to keep town roads and paths safe for public use for the remainder of this fiscal year. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

- **Howes House Feasibility Study Committee:**

Skipper gave an update on the work they have done so far and said that they needed to speak about the funding formula for the 3 towns. He referred to the Tri-Town Ambulance headquarters building funding formula and said that they had discussed adopting something similar. They are looking for authorization for the Select Board/Jen to reach out to the other towns. They do not yet know what the numbers are. Cindy thinks it is a discussion that they

need to have, perhaps a meeting with the 3 Select Boards and Finance committees, after Annual Town meetings are done. No action taken

- **Town Meeting Start Time – Change to 6:00 pm?**

During the State of Emergency, the last 2 years they had opted for an earlier start as they were outside and people didn't seem to mind. Skipper is proposing a 6 pm start time thinking people may be fresher earlier.

Cindy moved to start Annual Town Meeting at 6 pm. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: all in favor (2-0-0)

Jen asked the Board about submitting the warrant to the newspapers. Other towns were going to have theirs in the paper March 18th and she is wondering about sending ours too. It's usually published a bit later, closer to ATM, but it can be ready earlier. The Board agreed that it was ok to submit earlier. No action needed.

- **Chilmark re: Change to High School Reconstruction Funding Formula:**

Chilmark has proposed a new funding formula. Jen believes that when all is said and done, the money amount comes up almost the same as before except West Tisbury may have to pay a bit more. Nothing is final, it's just the beginning of the conversation. Skipper thinks the Superintendents office is planning to have a meeting with all island select boards and Finance committees, but has no info on that yet. They all think it's a good first step, but no one has responded as of yet.

Topics Not Anticipated: There were none.

Old Business: There was none

Correspondence:

- Letter from MA DOT regarding Chapter 90 apportionment. This year the town will receive \$83,847, which is roughly the same as every year
- Jen got a response from Dan Doyle regarding the New England Wind project saying that they will be dealing with the Trustees regarding the "Scrubby Neck Schoolhouse" and there's nothing needed from the town.

Public Comment: There was none.

With no further business to attend to Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Skipper seconded. Roll Call vote: All in favor. (2-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant